

# ALPHA PI LAMBDA

## Alumni Newsletter

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings my Brothers! I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and happy and that all of you have enjoyed your summer.

It is my absolute honor and privilege to be writing to you as the new Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni President. I officially assumed the position from David Kaganovsky as of 01 July 2010, the start of our fiscal year. We have spent a good part of May/June transitioning the various roles of the new and previous administrations and, in my opinion, all has gone smoothly.

Firstly, I want to formally thank Dave for his years of dedication and service to the Pi and recognize all the fantastic achievements of both he and his administration. It will be a very tough act to follow, but I am extremely fortunate to have Dave remain on as the Alumni Treasurer and for Chuck Gunheim to now serve as the new Alumni Vice President and House Director. Together, with the rest of the new administration (Steve Spadaro - Corresponding Secretary and Historian, Shams Naim - Recording Secretary, Justin Bainum - Social Chairman, Pete Altavilla - Judicial Chairman and Joe Apostolico - Scholarship Chairman), we have many ambitious projects and exciting events planned for the future. Positions yet to be filled are that of, Membership Secretary, Undergraduate Relations Chairman and Technology Chairman. If anyone is interested in filling these roles, please don't hesitate to contact me.

The primary objective of this administration is to never again have us face the



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situation we had faced when we lost the House and our recognition as a Fraternity at Drexel University. We will NOT lose our beloved Pi and this is a promise I make to all of you! We will also continue to recruit only those young men into the Fraternity that demonstrate and exemplify the ideals of the Fraternity - Friendship, Honor and Loyalty, and to assure that all current members live to those same ideals.

By this mailing, Dave will have completed one-on-one interviews with the undergraduate brotherhood living in the House and will make recommendations to the Judicial Committee led by Pete as to who of those undergrads may actually not be benefiting by living in the House. Academics is Priority #1 in our opinion and we will do what is necessary to help the undergrads achieve, even if it means taking the drastic measure of expelling them from the House.

Additionally, we will restart with vigor, our fundraising activities. I am not sure how many of you out there

understand the arrangement we currently have with Drexel but, let's just say, we have a BIG debt to repay and any and all contributions going forward will be greatly appreciated. We will also continue to maintain the outstanding relationship currently in place with the Drexel Administration. Dave and company have spent many years recovering and nurturing our reputation with the University officials and it is our intent to remain in good standing with them.

I previously mentioned the planning of exciting events and this year we are happy to announce the rebirth of the Alpha Pi Lambda summer "Pig-Nic" (in memory of Betty Link) that was held on Sunday, 25 July 2010 at Mermaid Lake in Blue Bell, PA and the Alumni/Undergrad Softball Game which happened on Sunday, 29 August 2010. Also, we are looking to bring back the Alumni/Undergrad Work Weekends in the Fall and Spring, but this time with a new twist - extending the invitation to our Fathers in the hopes that they will bring additional skill sets to the event.

Other events that we have on the calendar are the Alumni/Undergrad Football game in the Fall, the Pi Holiday Party in December, the 76<sup>th</sup> A-Ball in the Winter, and the Senior BBQ and Volleyball game in the Spring. Dates for all events are displayed on the enclosed "Pi Event Calendar" magnet included in this mailing.

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As for short term projects, we have several things planned such as replacing the front doors, replacing the basement Bilco doors, adding a new interior door inside the Bilco door, restoring one of the stained glass windows (with the hopes of having others pledge the funds to fix the remainder and have individual windows named for them), repairing the sagging wood and membrane under the front porch and many, many other additional smaller projects on the list.

Longer term projects would include fixing the exterior shell of the House and refurbishing the backyard. We are looking to resurface the basketball court and have contracted for conceptual drawings of a new BBQ Pit/Pavilion Area in the "grassy" part of the backyard. Chuck will also be working with Ed Dolphin on constructing a "House Manual". This will be a booklet of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for the physical structure of the House. It will be a sort of maintenance manual for the Pi, if you will. AND, dare I say this (Chuck is probably going to have a heart attack when he reads this), we are looking into a VERY long term planning of reopening the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. This will be an extremely challenging and costly project, but one that I believe we need to keep within or sights.

And finally, we will continue to hold the Alumni Meetings on the first Friday of every month at 7:00pm Eastern

time as a face-to-face in the West Parlor of the House and Executive meetings held the Wednesday prior. I encourage all Alumni to try and physically attend at least one meeting per year. For those of you who have not been back to the House since we reopened, you will be in for a very pleasant surprise. I realize it is not possible for many of you to attend in person due to geographical constraints, so here is our tele-conference dial in number and access code:

DEDICATED DIAL-IN NUMBER

**1 (605) 715-4920**

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**695-5944**

Well, that is enough of me rambling on. You will get a better feel for what we have planned by reading the updates from all current (and former) administration members in this newsletter. Please feel free to contact me by phone on 215.896.3829 or by e-mail at [edschicklingjr@comcast.net](mailto:edschicklingjr@comcast.net) with any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions on making the Pi even greater than it currently is!

Adolphus,  
Ed (Schick) Schickling ('85)

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Now that we have passed another successful A-ball and our beloved Fraternity is once again well established in the fabric of Drexel's Greek life, it is time to turn our attention to how can we further improve our organization. I believe that our Fraternity rests on four pillars. The first is the Undergraduates, the second is the Alumni, the third is our relationship with Drexel and the forth is the House itself. While I have a great deal of involvement in the first two my main focus right now is the last two.

Let me start by talking about the House. The first phase of renovations focused on the living space inside the House. While we certainly are not done, we have successfully brought the House back to life. Our central goal over the next five years is to put together and execute a plan to restore the exterior of the House to the point that it will be stately, stable, and as impressive as anyone can remember for the next 50 years. We currently have an exterior restoration firm reviewing and studying the exterior of the House to begin the framework of that plan. Within that plan we will work through good, better, and best solutions to our needs

so that our fundraising plans can be tailored along with it. It is my hope to have a first draft of this plan available for review at the annual picnic. Within the framework of the master plan we will be addressing individual pieces that we can do as we go along. Some of our smaller projects for this year are a new front door, restoring one of the stained glass windows, a new security system, and a new bilco door to the basement. In addition we are going to study the feasibility of renovating the backyard without dedicated fundraising. Each term I hope to have one of the smaller projects completed. Most of what we want to accomplish will need to be done with the cooperation of Drexel.

Over the last three years we have built a solid relationship with several departments at Drexel. It is these relationships along with the support of our Alumni that will enable us to accomplish our goals. We have a great working relationship with the department of Planning and Construction. They serve as our general contractors for all projects that cost over \$5,000. Then we have the office of

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Student Housing that oversees our operating account for the Undergrads' rent. We manage all projects that cost less than \$5,000 and fund them through this account. Unlike years past, both sides have established a level of trust with each other.

All the success that we have had is based on teamwork. We support Drexel and they have been supporting us. We as the Alumni support the Undergrads and the Undergrads carry our legacy forward. Our Castle on the Corner belongs to all of us and it once again has taken its rightful place as a pillar of life at Drexel.

Adolphus, Chuck Gunheim ('82)  
Alpha Pi Lambda Vice President

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello Fellow Alumni

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Alumni Treasurer. I want to thank the outgoing Treasurer, Bob Smorodin, for his services and for making the transition as easy as Pi. I have begun to work with the new executive board to develop a 2010/2011 budget and to plan for our financial health. Let me begin by explaining that there are several dimensions of Alpha Pi Lambda finances.

- 1) **Alumni Corporation of Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity** - this legal entity represents the Alpha Pi Alumni and this where your dues payments go. We pay for newsletters, website, Alumni events, etc. This entity currently has a balance sheet worth approximately \$40,000. My goal is to maintain a total net worth of approximately \$50,000 and no more. There are many reasons but what is key to remember, is that while we are a non-profit corporation, we are not a charitable group. For this, and many other reasons, we prefer all major donations go to Drexel University.
- 2) **Alpha Pi Lambda Operating Account** - This operating account is managed by Drexel and contains monies collected from rent at the Alpha Pi Lambda House. In the next school year beginning Fall 2010 we will be charging each Brother \$1,850 to live in the Alpha Pi Lambda House. All expenses, including paying back our loan with Drexel, minor repairs, supplies and utilities all flow from this account.
- 3) **Drexel's Alpha Pi Lambda Building Fund** - There are actually two building funds although one is closed to new gifts. The building fund account number is 601581-1750 and anytime you give to this account please add this account number to the memo. Gifts to this account are fully tax deductible and are spent through agreement with Drexel University. We have not used money from this account except to pay for a portion of the House renovations costs. We are beginning a new campaign to raise an additional \$250,000 to fund the completion of critical repairs to the House.
- 4) **Drexel's Alpha Pi Lambda Scholarship Fund** - Not fully setup, this fund will be part of the endowment as soon as it reaches \$25,000. The Alumni will work with Drexel to make recommendations regarding who will receive a scholarship from this fund. This is still evolving.

I can happily report that Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni Corporation's finances are strong. We have a good balance sheet, received regular income from dues payments and are working to control our spending for maximum benefit. Our fiscal year begins July 1 and therefore my first step was to develop a 2010/2011 budget. Our budget estimates \$10,000 income with \$8,785 in expenses.

I encourage each of you to use the included envelope to mail your dues payments. Your annual payment of \$40 goes a long way in helping our organization exist and support the various events and communications that keep Alpha Pi alive and thriving.

Finally, I want to wish the best of luck to the new Board members, Ed Schickling, Chuck Gunheim, Steve Spadaro and Shams Naim.

Adolphus,

David Kaganovsky ('95)

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**Alumni Corporation of**  
**Alpha Pi Lambda**  
**P.O. Box 8717**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19101**

**Or you can also send your donations and dues via the provided self-addressed envelope in the newsletter.**

## FORMER TREASURER'S & A-BALL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As I leave both of the above endeavors behind, I look back on it and feel reasonably satisfied with the results. Led by Dave K and the rest of the younger gang, we dragged the Pi back from the abyss and hopefully we can look forward to another 75 years of fraternal health. I look forward to the A-Ball to commemorate our 150<sup>th</sup> year with great anticipation, as do all the rest of you! Should be a great affair!

I imagine Dave Kaganovsky, our new Treasurer, is providing a report elsewhere on the current status of our finances. He should be telling you that we are in reasonably good shape. The checking account is into five figures and, as a group, the Alumni do not have a lot of ongoing bills to worry about that our dues payments cannot cover. Keep 'em coming, guys!

As far as the A-Ball celebration of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is concerned, it had its high points and its low points. I'm not going to hash through all of that here. I'll be issuing a final report for the record, so that the next chairman who will be assigned for the 80<sup>th</sup> Ball in 2015 can have some idea on what needs to be done and what pitfalls to watch out for. A general synopsis shows that we had 180 alumni attendees (including wives and partners) plus 65 from the ranks of the Undergraduates. We had initially expected a few more than this. This, plus

some over-run in certain expenses, meant that the Alumni Treasury had to kick in about \$4,000 to cover everything. Again, this was a little larger of an over-run than expected, but not anything we could not handle.

So, as I leave these responsibilities behind, I want to thank all of you who had to put up with my picky ways over the last 6 years. It was fun, to say the least, and I feel honored to have participated in the re-birth of the Pi and in the resurrection of our beloved House. I'm confident that the incoming administration will be able to keep the ball rolling, and even to help move it forward at an ever-increasing rate.

Finally, for those of you who attended our 75th A-Ball back in March, it was brought to my attention that there were still attendees who hadn't received their commemorative glass gifts. For those of you who haven't received them, please get in contact with me and I will ensure that a set is sent out to you.

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## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Fellow Alumni Brothers,

First off, I would like to congratulate the new members elected to the Alumni Board who include our new President Ed Schickling, Vice President Chuck Gunheim, Treasurer Dave Kaganovsky, and recent graduate Shams Naim as Recording Secretary. Having been a member of the Alumni Board for the past four years, I can honestly say that we have seen an astonishing transformation of our beloved Fraternity from when I joined the Alumni Board to now. Let us remember, that it was only five short years ago in 2005 that the House was boarded up, its doors closed by the University, and no hope in the near future for the return of the Pi. Now fast forward to 2010, not only is the House up and running, but it boasts a swelling membership of over 40 members, it has become a leader and innovator in the Drexel Greek Life community, and most importantly and without exaggeration, we can say that our House is truly the most up-to-date and luxurious of all Fraternity housing. But this did not happen overnight. Rather it was through the hard work and relentless effort of Alumni Board members such as Dave Kaganovsky, Vince Szymkowski, Chuck Gunheim, Bob Smorodin, and Joe Apostolico to name a few, and the generous contributions of benefactors such as Al Link ('53), John Marshall ('56), and Bud Roemchild ('57), which have once again brought life back to our beloved House and re-kindled the enduring spirit which has guided Pi's since 1935.

It is often said that the journey of a thousand miles starts with one step, and I feel that those first few steps that the gentlemen that I have mentioned and many more that I have not, did so not knowing the outcome, but having nothing but the best intentions of the Pi in mind. Though as far as we have come, bringing back the Fraternity, opening and renovating the House, having a successful 75th A-Ball, this is only half of our journey. As we move forward into this new decade there are still many more accomplishments that the Pi and its leadership are to have, and I ask each and every one of you who reads these words today to close your eyes if only for a moment. Reflect...remember what the Pi meant to you. The Pi has inspired many of us, and even helped to define us as the men we are today. So I ask you, please share that gift with the next generation.

**C O R R E S P O N D I N G   S E C R E T A R Y ' S   R E P O R T   ( C O N ' T )**

For over seventy-five years, Pi men have called the House their home, and it is our hope that many more men can continue to call the Pi their home. But the only way to put our visions of a better Pi into fruition is by your support. Contributions no matter what form they may come, whether it be monetary or even through your time. This Alumni Board administration puts an emphasis on bringing Brothers who have strayed from the Pi back to the House. This is a wonderful and amazing time for the Pi. And now more than ever is the time to re-connect, not only with Brothers from your own time, but with those from other generations, including the youngest. In the upcoming months, there will be many events that will give you the chance to re-connect such as the Alumni "Picnic"/Softball game, Football, and even a work weekend, where we invite Alumni from all generations to ply their trade and help on small rebuilding projects at the House.

Finally, as we move forward into this new decade, the Alumni Board realizes that now more than ever, there are increasingly more avenues for Alumni to attend our monthly meetings,. Under my tenure as Corresponding Chair, I will begin to explore these new media outlets, and within the next year hope to incorporate online streaming of our meetings for accessibility to all Alumni. Until then, please join us for the monthly meetings either in person at the House or via phone conferencing. I look forward to my continued service to the House and hope to meet many new Alumni in the coming years, as well as stay in touch with the ones I already know.

Adolphus,  
Stephen Spadaro ('05)

**U N D E R G R A D U A T E   P R E S I D E N T ' S   R E P O R T**

Dear Alumni Brothers,

First and foremost I would like to introduce myself. My name is Brendan "Boomer" Ward and I have been the Undergraduate President of Alpha Pi Lambda since September 2009. For those of you who have not been on back on Drexel's campus in years, I can truthfully say that the Pi is back. I have seen a great transformation in our beloved Fraternity from when I was a freshman three years ago.

At that time, we were un-Housed and struggled with roughly 20 members. Today, we are in our second year in the Pi House and have 47 undergraduate members, and that number will be sure to expand with the upcoming fall recruitment.

Our improvement can truly be seen by our success at the recent Fraternity & Sorority Life Award Ceremony. There, the Pi was honored with 10 awards on the night including Alumnus of the Year (David Kaganovsky), IFC Leader of the Year (Shams Naim), IFC Athlete of the Year ("Boomer" Ward), and Excellence in Alumni Involvement.

However, with all the success, there are still many areas we can improve upon. The most important of which being our grades, where we rank 8th out of the 12 Fraternities on campus with a 3.00 cumulative GPA. We have set up an Academic Improvement Plan and are currently working with the Alumni Board to create a plan for GPA requirements to live in the House. Another of the main areas we have improved in the last two years is Programming. We hold various events throughout the year including a philanthropic volleyball tournament, blood drives each term, bi-annual faculty and staff luncheons at the House, and a welcome back luau the first week of fall term. These programs have greatly improved the Fraternity in terms of our relationship with the Greek Fraternity & Sorority Life Office.

The fall will be a great time for the Undergraduates of the Pi as we will have 26 members living in the House, which is the most we've ever had. We also are looking forward to a great recruitment period where we look for members who share our ideals and beliefs. Our new members will all realize how important this organization is to all of you who have put such hard work and monetary donations into everything we do and our beloved House.

Overall, it is a great time for the Pi. We are thriving on Drexel's campus and we are only going to get stronger and stronger. If you have not been back to the Pi in a couple of years, I invite you to come back and take a tour of the House and of Drexel's campus. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact me at 732-299-5281 or [bward38@gmail.com](mailto:bward38@gmail.com).

Adolphus,  
Brendan "Boomer" Ward ('11)

## 75TH ANNUAL A-BALL

On the weekend of March 12-14, 2010, our beloved Apple Pi celebrated its 75th Anniversary A-Ball. After a long winding road to get there, the Alumni Board was able to throw a wonderful and above all successful event.

Festivities for the weekend began at the Pi House on Friday night, where an informal gathering of Brothers from all generations came and saw the new renovations made to the House. Additionally, Alumni were able to meet with the gentlemen who currently occupy the House. Most importantly on this night, many Alumni who hadn't seen the friends they had called Brothers got to reconnect and remember the great times had at the Pi.

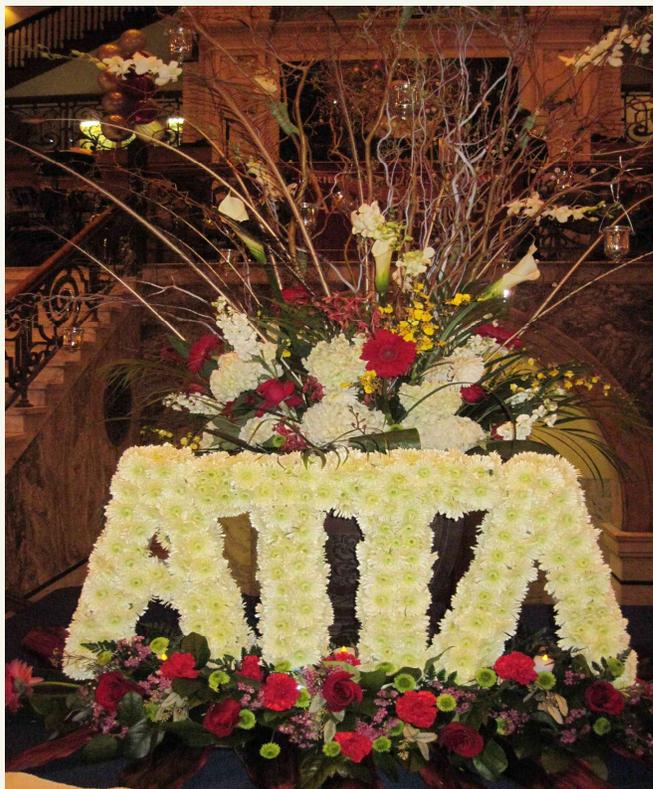
On the morning through to the afternoon of Saturday of that weekend, Alumni who hadn't seen the University in years were treated to tours of the new campus by University tours guides. Many Alumni who had been removed from the University for several decades, and even more recent Alumni were astonished at the changes that have taken place. From the new buildings that seemed to have just "cropped up over night" to the wondrous technologies that had been integrated into every facet of the University, it was truly a sight to see for many of the Alumni returning to Drexel for the first time in years. After the tours, Alumni were lead back to the House for a small impromptu soiree, much more informal than the night before.

But the Culmination of the weekend's Festivities came on the night of March 13, 2010, where Pi's, their wives, and their dates, all donned their best dress, put on their dancing shoes, and celebrated the Fraternities' 75th Anniversary, in the best fashion a Pi knows how to....a party!!!! All night long, Pi's relived their glory days with the guys they called Brothers, the Alumni shared their stories with the younger generation and vice-versa. New friendships forged, and old-friendships renewed. But the highlight for the weekend of course was the arrival of 1948 Sweetheart Marylou Greisen Reifsnyder, wife to Bob Reifsnyder ('48). Though Marylou survives Bob, she

remembered how truly important the Pi was to not only Bob, but her as well, and felt that attendance at the A-ball was almost her duty. So overcome and honored by her presence, the men of the Pi revived the old Sweetheart song and serenaded Marylou along with the current Apple Pi Sweethearts with their cherubic voices. The night was commemorated by a gift set of beautifully crafted glasses emblazoned with the Fraternity logo.

All in all, the weekend was considered a rousing success by not only those who planned it, but more importantly, by those who attended it. Special thanks is given to those who were instrumental in putting the entire weekend together, including but not limited to: David Kaganovsky, Vince Szymkowski, Bob Smorodin, Chuck Gunheim, Stephen Spadaro, John Brna, Ed Schickling, and the Undergraduate Brotherhood.

By,  
Stephen Spadaro ('05)



# 75TH ANNUAL A-BALL



## FROM OUR SWEETHEART OF 1948

The weekend of March 12, 2010 was a magical one for me. The opportunity to attend the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball of the Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity became possible when the invitation arrived on the mail. Of course, it was addressed to my husband, Bob, who passed away five years ago and who, through my neglect, was not removed from the mailing list. (Sometimes procrastination pays off!) Did I dare think that I could be there? I decided to “give it a try.” Bob Smorodin’s response to my call was absolutely unbelievable! He was really excited to hear that the 1946 Fraternity Sweetheart was interested in being at the celebration. Why shouldn’t I have been? Many of my college days were spent at the Frat House. Also, there were the permanent connections to the Fraternity.

Frank Zamecnik, now deceased, was best man at our wedding and our oldest child’s godfather. My brother, Pete Greisen, (’53) was also a member. During my senior year at Drexel I lived on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the dorm with my roommate, Ginny Nevitt. She was dating Ott Schick who was rooming with Bob on the third floor of the House. What did we do without cell phones?? Fortunately we were able to see each other from the windows of our rooms and had to settle for signals as a means of communication. It must have worked because Ginny and Ott, as we did, ended up in a lifelong marriage. Of course, we were a few of the many couples who met their future spouses by working in the kitchen of the only dorm on campus. The proximity to the Frat House made it easy for the guys to be able to earn their meals. At the same time the girls who worked as waitresses had the advantage of finding romance and even marriage with the most eligible and appealing bachelors at Drexel – the Apple Pis!

I’m sure that the many events of today are similar to those of the 1940’s. We had dances and social gatherings like the parties after the football games. I was one of the cheer leaders who often found that our enthusiasm was not always conducive to a Drexel “win”. However we were reminded that we were a “technical” school! The good news is that we now seem to excel in basketball and are still a technical school. Probably the greatest difference between now and 60 years ago was the fact that men were not allowed above the first floor of the dorm and the same was true for the gals at the Frat House. (Pretty old fashioned!!) However, we did spend many hours playing pool in the basement. I do remember being allowed upstairs when Bob and I attended a New Year’s Eve party. It was during Christmas break, so I guess the

rules did not apply. There just might be one or two people still alive who would tell you that I danced on top of the dresser in one of the rooms. How COULD that be??? ME?? Who is afraid of heights? (Must have been the water!!) Believe me, Guys, that was not a regular occurrence on my part. Of course in our modern society with the drinking age raised to 21, there should be no danger of anything like that happening again.

I am sure that it is assumed that Bob Reifsnnyder and I were going steady when I became Fraternity Sweetheart. WRONG! It was before he came to Drexel. There was another Apple Pi whose pin I was wearing at the time – sort of pre-engagement? During the Post War Era of the 40’s the veterans returning to civilian life, were enrolling in colleges under the GI Bill. Unfortunately, many of them were older and had worldwide experiences. They had difficulty fitting into the academic scene predominated by teenagers, so they quit and moved on. That was the case in our situation. Bob arrived on campus in the summer of ’46 and was ready to “take over” as soon as I was available. That move led to 55 years of marriage, 7 children, and 11 grandchildren.

Fast forward to the 75<sup>th</sup>! My experience in March was one that only dreams are made of. When I arrived at the Frat House on the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup>, I received an unbelievable welcome from EVERYONE! I now know what it is like to be treated like royalty. Both current members and those from the past made sure that I was greeted with a special friendship that has always belonged to all members of Alpha Pi Lambda. It was wonderful to see Dave and Bob after getting to know them by email. The fact that there are two Sweethearts a year was a new concept for me. I especially enjoyed meeting the four most recent ones from 2010 and 2009: Ramina Manacchio (’10), Jessica Ball (’10), Tatiana Beckman (’10), Kate Grudichak (’10) They treated me as if I were one of their classmates. (Every grandmother should experience that feeling!) They are all wonderful girls and I hope they will cherish as many marvelous memories of their associations with the Fraternity on the corner of 33<sup>rd</sup> and Powellton as I have! You were all pleased to hear that the House looked the same as I had remembered it. May you enjoy it for many years to come! (I can’t believe that Apple Pi was only 11 years old in 1946.)

There wasn’t a more appropriate place for the A-Ball to be held than in the Great Court. What a beautiful setting!

## FROM OUR SWEETHEART OF 1948 (CON'T)

For me, it was a reminder of the fact that it was THE Drexel campus where we met “under the clock” between classes. Of course, now there is a maze of new buildings that occupy many blocks of the Philadelphia area. There was a time when we had to use the U of P pool for our swim team practices and their nursing students took their dietician courses at our Home Ec Department. Some day I will tour Drexel U. in nice weather instead trying to battle a hurricane, the winds and rain of which probably put me in danger of drowning. The atmospheric conditions were not flawless but they certainly did not dampen the wonderful spirit that dominated our weekend! The whole event was perfect, right down to the dozen very special long stem red roses – a first for me! They lasted for two weeks, a constant reminder of the honor I received.

Once again it is time to return to reality. It will never be possible for me to thank everyone enough for the unexpected and unforgettable experience that was mine at the Alpha Pi Lambda 75<sup>th</sup> A-Ball. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Much Love,  
Marylou (Greisen) Reifsnnyder ('48)



## RETURN HOME FOR A HERO

As we spend time reminiscing on the great times that the Pi has given us, it is all too easy to forget the freedoms that we are afforded. All too often we do not take the time to recognize those who sacrifice day-in and day-out so we may have said freedoms. I wanted to take this section to pay tribute to one of our armed forces members and fellow Brother Sergeant Andrew Hallett, USMC. “Andy” Hallett is a Business Administration/Marketing major, Class of 2007. He recently returned from his third military tour since becoming a Brother, this time returning from Afghanistan, serving in the Hemland Province. In Andy’s previous two tours, he served in Iraq.

In honor of Andy’s return, a celebration/barbeque was held in his name at the Apple Pi House on July 3rd, 2010. Organized by Brother Aaron Schumann ('05), many Brothers from Andy’s era attended to give the biggest warm welcoming back that they possibly could. Also in attendance were the members of the Undergraduate chapter, who got a chance to meet Andy and be regaled by the stories not only of his service in Iraq and Afghanistan, but also of his days at the Pi. Overall the barbeque was a success, and Andy was once again made to feel “home” at Apple Pi. When asked about his time in the military, his response was, “I’m happy to be back, My war time makes me appreciate America. We thank you for your service Andy, Semper Fi!!!!!!

By,  
Stephen Spadaro ('05)



Photo left taken from Andy Hallett's return from his first tour of duty in Iraq (2003). Photo right taken at the barbeque for Andy Hallett's return from his third tour in Afghanistan (2010)

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